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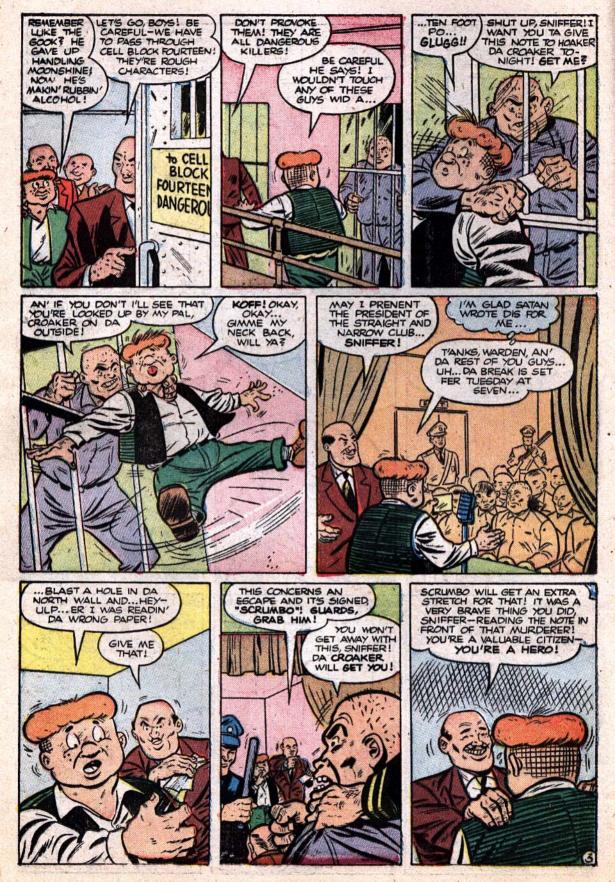






IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY DEAD FROM CURIOSITY IN THE NEXT SECOND YOU WILL SEE IRON JAW'S NEW FACE











# **IT HAPPENED IN THE RING**

MANY FANS GO TO AMATEUR FIGHTS PRIMARILY FOR LAUGHS! YET SOME OF THE YUK-YUKS THAT HAVE SENT FANS ROLLING IN HILARIOUS AGONY INTO THE AISLE HAVE COME FROM THE PRO CIRCUITS! OF THE MILLIONS OF CONTESTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RING HISTORY, THOUSANDS OF SCREWY INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED! HERE ARE A FEW THAT HIT. THE GONG WITH US!

UNLUCKY STRIKE. In the early thirties, Louisiana State University had a six-and-a-half foot heavyweight boxer who had an extremely long reach. During a boxing meet the tall fighter was matched against a stocky opponent from Mississippi State University. In the second round of the three-round bout, the Louisiana fighter swung with a terrific right that spelled knockout if it landed. To avoid the blow, the Mississippi State heavy stepped in close,

and his head hit his opponent's right arm in the elbow joint. This acted as a lever and added power to the blow, which



completely circled the Mississippi State heavy's head, ending up on the swinger's own jaw. He stopped, stunned from his own blow, walked to the side of the ring, and started walking groggily around the ring, holding on to the rope. He almost circled the ring, lost his grip on the rope, and collapsed.

TWO AGAINSTONE. On January 7, 1954, during the fifth round of a scheduled tenround fight between two lightweight boxers in Topeka, Kansas, the referee fell on the floor of the ring. One of the boxers tripped over him, hit the canvas, and broke a bone in his left instep. The injured man was unable to continue the fight in the sixth round, and his opponent was declared the winner by a technical knockout. (January 7, 1954).

FIGHTER'S ALARM. During a prize fight in Newark, New Jersey, in 1944, one of the boxers slammed home a terrific punch which landed on the chin of his opponent, knocking him to the floor of the ring. The referee's count reached four without the prostrate fighter showing any signs of stirring from his canvas slumber. Suddenly, sirens screamed and an air raid warden hopped into the



ring and ordered everyone to seek cover. The ring count was halted as all scurried for shelter. The unperturbed boxer continued his uninterrupted slumber throughout the blackout. After an hour and a half, the all clear sounded. By this time the cobwebs had cleared from the fallen man's head and the fight continued. The winner had to be content with a decision after being robbed of a sure knockout by a blackout.

EMBARRASSING MOMENT. Shortly after World War 1, during an Argentine festival, an American fight promoter had pitted his barn-storm-

ing heavyweight against a Montevidean giant. During the fourth round, in the course of a wild haymaker, the South American fighter's carelessly tied glove flew off of his hand and landed several rows into the astonished audience. When the glove was picked up, a two-pound piece of metal was found inside, which might have been responsible for this remarkable phenomenon. THE NEXT

PANCE?

# FOG HEAD

An incident which afforded a great deal of amusement to onlookers at the ringside, occurred several years ago during a bout between two prominent heavyweights. One of the fighters was the recipient of a terrific punch to the jaw in the opening round. He whirled, smiled at the referee, and inquired whether he could have the pleasure of his company in a stroll along the roof. The referee politely declined. He then received an invitation to take a walk along the street. The referee did take a

walk with the fighter -- to his corner, after which his opponent was declared the winner.

## SUBSTITUTE WINNER.

When his fighter withdrew from a three round bout in Worcester, Mass., the manager decided to resort to action to offset a possi-

ble forfeit. He stepped in as a substitute for his fighter and succeeded in scoring a kayo over his opponent, a 170-pound Quincy boxer, in the second round.

# WELL TIMED HIT.

The quick thinking and somewhat a dubious action on the part of a mana-

ger saved his fighter from disaster during a title bout in Miami in 1940. While his man was lying on the canvas seemingly doomed to take the full count, the manager grabbed a soft drink bottle from an astounded customer and hit it against the bell. The opposing fighter started towards his corner, thinking the round ended, while his manager stared. The timekeeper awoke with a start and vigorously protested. The referee blinked and a state of general con-

fusion brake out at the ringside. Meanwhile, the downed fighter had time enough to snap out of the fog and turned in a creditable performance in the battle which continued, though not without protest.

DOUBLE TAKE. A rarity of the prize ring, a double knockout, occurred in a welterweight bout between two fighters in Memorial Hall in Kansas City on April 7, 1941. In the third round of the scrap, both boys landed knockout blows and went down simultaneously for the full count. The referee was compelled to call the fight a draw.

The fighter who knocked himself out had nothing on the wrestler who threw himself in a battle held at the Auditorium in Providence, Rhode Island. The contest featured a Chicagoan pitted against a Russian Count. During a mixup, the Chicago wrestler became so entangled in the ropes that he was declared the loser when his shoulders were pinned on the mat for three seconds.

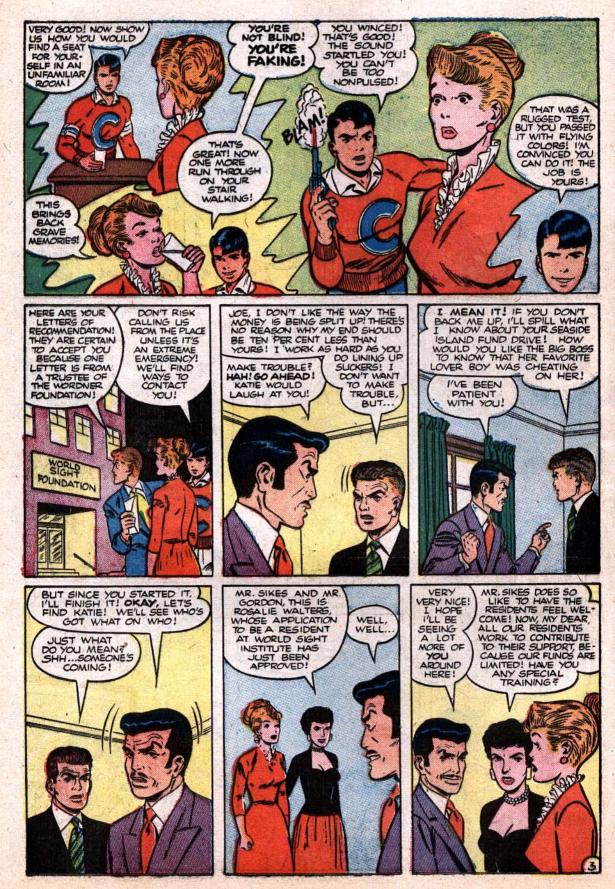


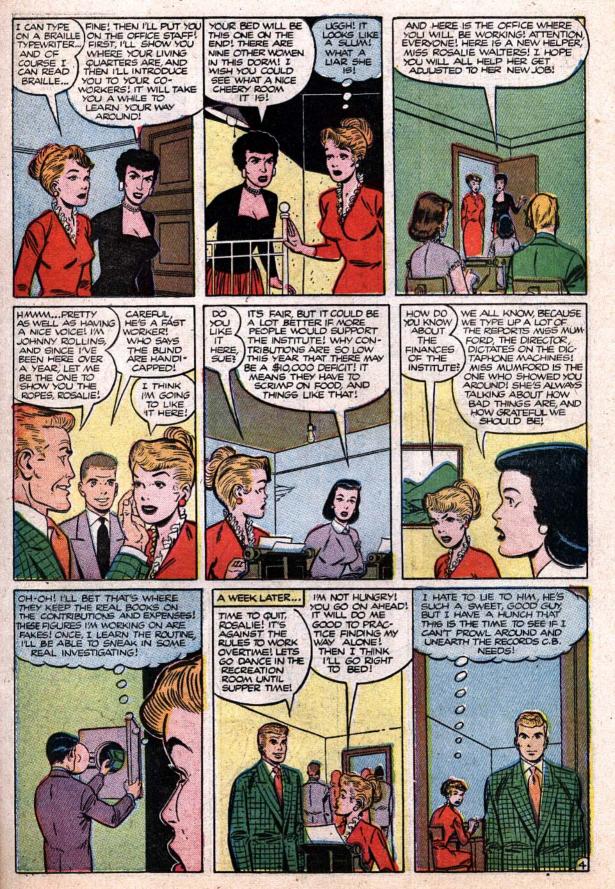
NO BLOW KNOCKOUT. An incident unique in boxing history occurred in a fight that was won without a single blow being struck by either man. This freakish bout took place in Bristol, England, between two American soldiers stationed there in 1943. As the gong rang for the start of the first round, one of the boxers rushed towards his opponent so fast that, in leading with a haymaker, he lost his balance, fell, and struck his head on a ring post. The blow knocked him unconscious and he was counted out by the referee. Total time for the fight, including the count, was twelve seconds.







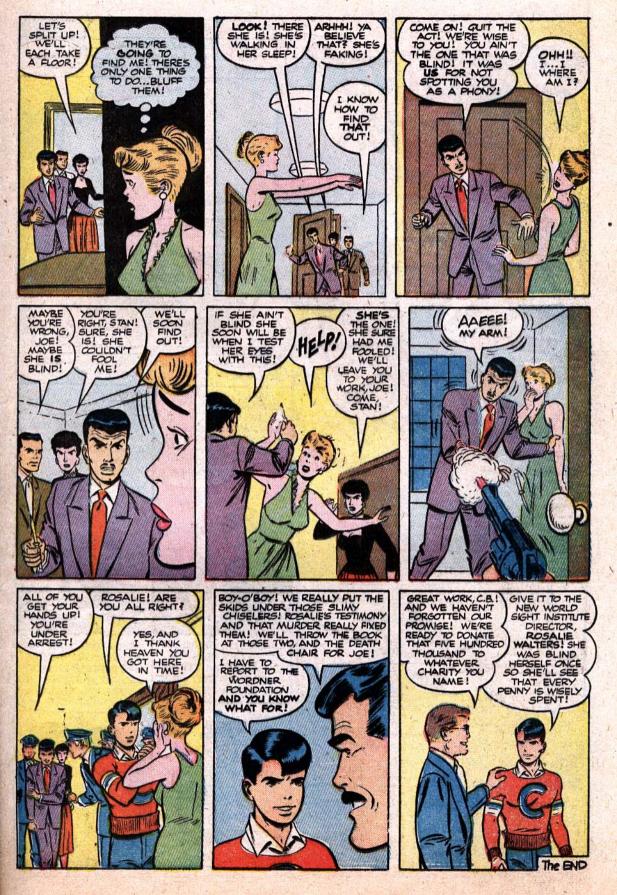


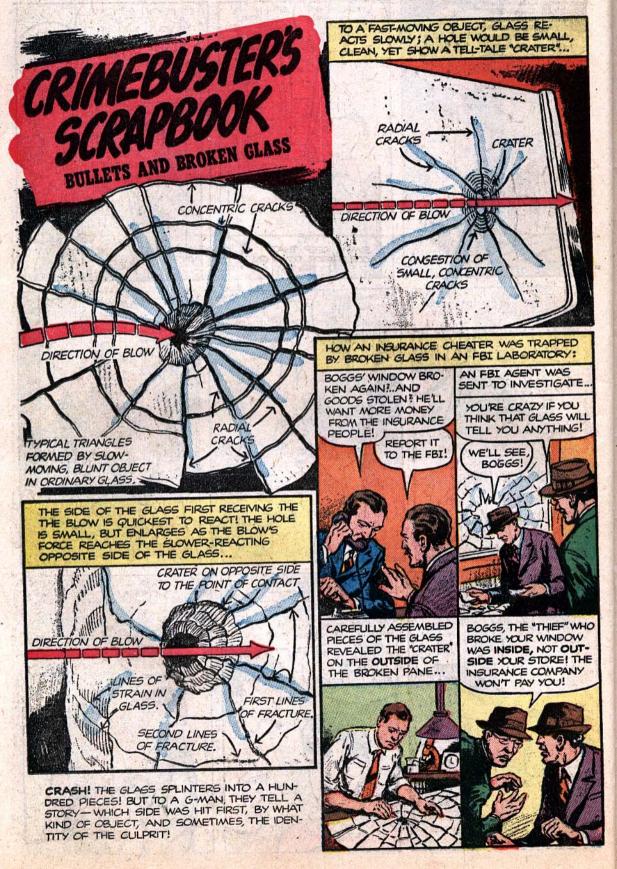


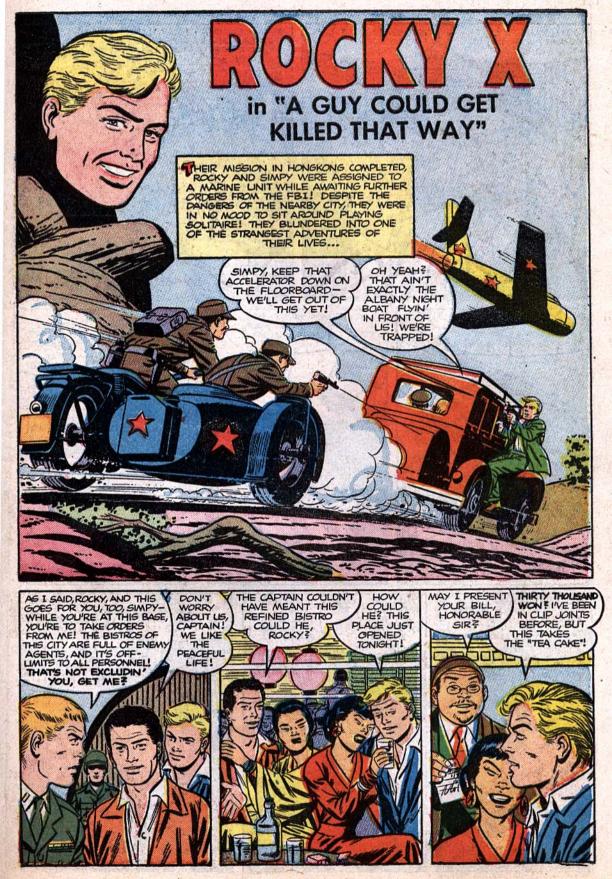




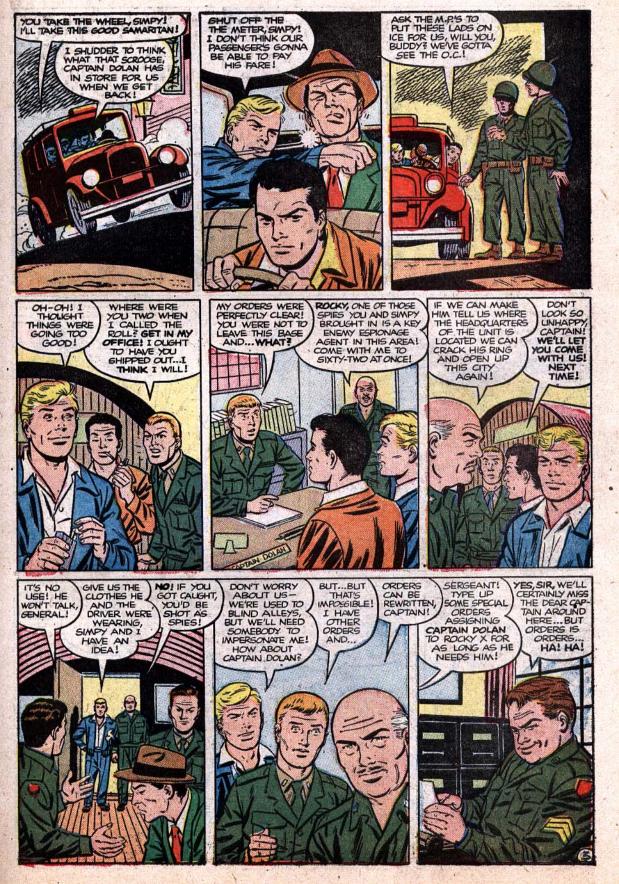


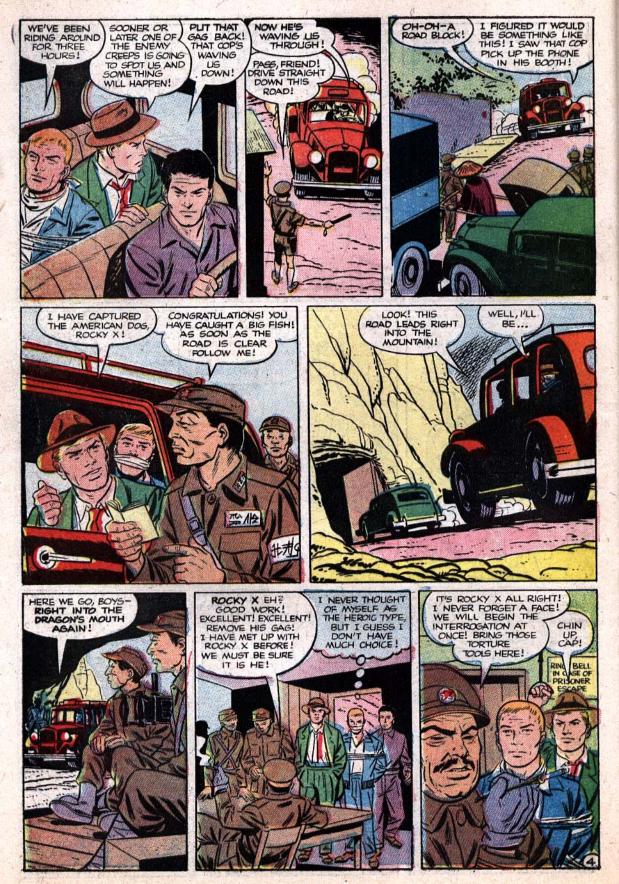




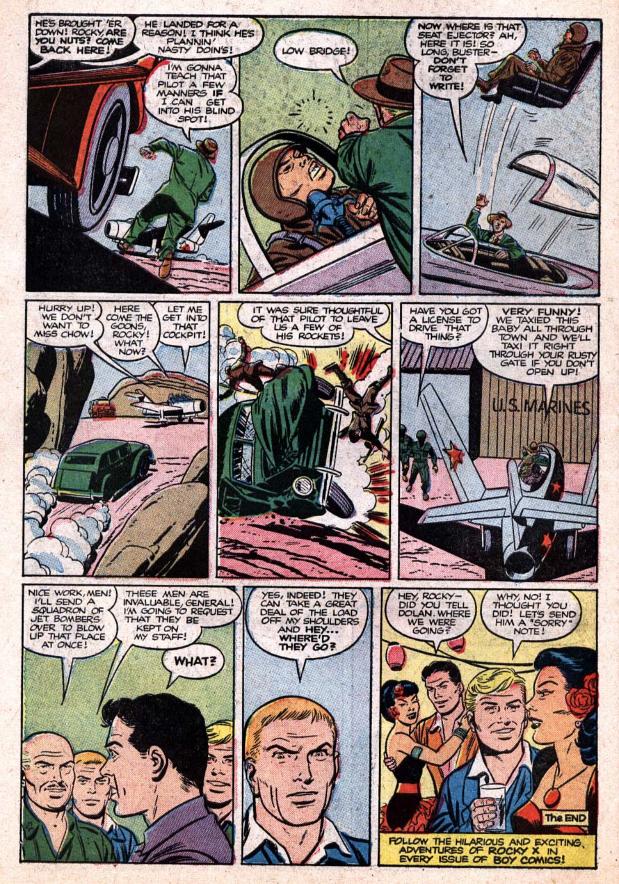


















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